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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

Crl. Writ Petition No.3795 of 2020

Date of Decision: June 16 , 2020.

Pooja and another PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mrs. Bhavna Gupta, DAG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6 and other relatives because they have married each other on 08.06.2020 against the wishes of the said respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he has identified the petitioners as per the documents attached. It is further submitted that they have solemnized marriage with each other out of their own free will and volition and that this is their first marriage. It is contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth being 29.01.1999 and 20.04.1993, respectively. True copies of Aadhar cards of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P-2, respectively. Photographs of the marriage and marriage certificate

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are on record as Annexure P-3 and P-4. Petitioners, it is stated, have submitted representation dated 08.06.2020 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mansa for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Advance copy of the petition stands served.

Without commenting upon the age of the petitioners or the validity of their marriage or the validity and genuineness of the certificates/documents appended with the petition, respondent No.2 – the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, is directed to look into representation dated 08.06.2020 submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action if any/as may be required, keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall have no effect on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioners and neither will any other civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners be barred due to this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

June 16, 2020.
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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No